Eight accused policemen flee court after conviction

By Our Correspondent

DADU: Eight policemen fled the court after the first additional sessions judge of the Model Criminal Trial Court convicted them in a case involving the killing of a young man in a fake police encounter.

The verdict was announced by the first additional sessions judge of the Model Criminal Trial Court, Hasan Ali Kalwar. Inspector Noor Mustafa Pathan, along with seven other police officials, was found guilty of the murder.

According to the court's decision, the inspector was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined Rs1 million. Other convicted officers — ASI Ghulam Qadir Gopang, ASI Nazir Panhwar, Dost Ali, Abdul Sattar, Ghulam Mustafa, Ilah Bachayo and Imran Ali — were each sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and fined Rs100,000.

The murder case was registered in 2022 under crime number 97 at B-Section police station, Dadu, on the complaint of the victim's mother, Mumtaz Begum Dhaniyal. She had alleged that police officials staged a fake encounter and killed her son.

Court proceedings confirmed that the young man was unlawfully killed under the cover of a police encounter.

After the verdict was announced, all the convicted police officers fled from the court premises.

The court has ordered the immediate arrest of the absconding convicts to ensure their punishment.

Police find two bullet-riddled bodies in Nara desert area

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: Khairpur police recovered two bullet-riddled bodies lying in Nara desert area on Thursday.

Locals informed police after spotting the bodies of two young men with gunshot wounds in the remote desert area of Nara.

The police reached the spot and shifted the bodies to hospital for a post-mortem.

The victims were identified as Gul Channa and Ali Raza Channa, whose relatives told police that the youths had left home two days ago to collect firewood in the desert. When they did not return, the family began a search.

Meanwhile, the grieving heirs stated they knew not who had killed the youths as they had no enmity with anyone.

Police said the motive behind killing was not known yet as investigation was underway.

Besides replacement of Sukkur Barrage gates, related canals also need attention: SAB chief

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: Appreciating the replacement of floodgates at Sukkur Barrage, Sindh Abadgar Board president Mahmood Nawaz Shah has emphasised that the barrage's related infrastructure of canals also needs due attention.

The gates' replacement was taking place 30 years after the barrage was built over 100 years back during the colonial period.

The SAB chief said: "It is the lifeline for the agricultural land of Sindh as it feeds prime farmlands on its left and right banks of Indus, touching around eight million acres of command area."

The irrigation authorities have plan to achieve the target of replacing 27 gates of Sukkur Barrage this year before the start kharif and monsoon season in April.

The replacement work was part of the Sindh Barrages Improvement Programme (SBIP) funded by the World Bank (WB).

As per break-up of 56 gates of the colonial-era barrage, 16 were replaced last year and one i.e., Gate No. 36 was also replaced the same year, but before the damages to seven gates occurred in June 2024. A total number of 27 gates would be replaced this year by April.

The remaining 12 gates would be replaced in 2027 when the project was scheduled to be completed. The modernisation of Guddu and Sukkur barrages under the SBIP was to be achieved at a cost of Rs74.6bn as per PC-I.

The barrage suffered major damages in 2024 when seven of its gates affected while one Gate No.47 was washed away by strong flow of water in June 2024. It led to a departmental action against senior officials by the government. A close to 40pc progress of Sukkur Barrage's modernisation has been achieved so far, according to the project authorities.

Guddu and Sukkur barrages faced high and medium floods last year successfully. Sukkur Barrage, however, feeds large swathes of farmland on the right and left bank of the Indus river through its seven major off-taking canals. Two of them Rohri and Nara, both perennial canals, were the largest ones that emanate from the barrage and irrigates areas up to Badin and Jhuddo, respectively.

"Earlier, the gates were replaced in 1987-92 or 50 years after the barrage's construction was completed. Now 50 years have passed, therefore replacement of gates was again being done," said one project official. According to SBIP project director Pritam Das, "it [modernisation of barrage] will go a long way in the irrigation and agriculture sectors of Sindh".

At the time of its construction, the barrage had a designed discharge capacity of 1.5m cusecs which was reduced to 0.9m cusecs due to accumulation of silt before its 10 gates, thus they were closed in 1938-40. The barrage faced floods of 0.8m to 1.2m cusecs till 2010 with regular intervals.

The ongoing work for the replacement of 27 gates had started in October 2025 and would continue till April 2026 which indicates commencement of the kharif season for the agriculture sector followed by monsoon. Then again work would begin in October 2026 and to be completed by April 2027, according to reports. The barrage's floor was being examined as well by the Chinese contractors and SBIP officials.

Freezing weather, fog paralyse life in Larkana, surrounding areas

Dawn Report

VISIBILITY dropped significantly following a severe cold wave on Thursday in Larkana.—Dawn

LARKANA/SUKKUR: In Larkana city and the surrounding small and large towns and villages, people braved a sharp decline in temperature and dense fog on Thursday, which affected normal life.

It was due to the severe cold and fog, visibility was reduced to a great extent, forcing and most of the citizens to remain confined to homes. On the other hand, attendance in government and private schools as well as offices remained thin.

The Sepco sources said that fog was recorded almost in its entire jurisdiction. Kashmore, Shahdadkot, Jacobabad, Ubauro, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Larkana, Kandiaro and Dadu falling in Sepco's administrative control were reported to have affected by low visibility.

Passengers travelling between different cities faced serious difficulties. Suspension of electricity in most areas of the city added to the hardships of the residents.

The local Met office said that maximum temperature was recorded at 14.5 Celsius while the relative humidity was 83 per cent. The office predicted that the cold wave would continue till Jan 15 and might grip the adjoining parts of the district.

People rushed to buy second hand coats, sweaters, jackets etc., to help keep themselves safe from the freezing cold.

Interestingly, the cold wave started increasing after the winter vacation in schools were over, therefore the attendance in schools remained very thin.

Parents have urged the education department to announce the winter vacation in the light of expected cold days, considering the issue of climate change.

A sense fog has enveloped Kandhkot city and its surrounding areas for several days, disrupting domestic life and business activities while hours of power outages left citizens in deep distress.

For the fourth consecutive day, the fog in Kandhkot and neighboring regions kept the transport system paralysed besides supply of electricity and gas.

Power that was cut off late at night was briefly restored after 1pm for only a few minutes, severely affecting household routines.

The fog has intensified the cold, badly hitting local trade and confining people to their homes.

Schoolchildren failed in attending their schools, leading to very low attendance while work in various government departments also remained affected.

The Met department has predicted that the foggy conditions and cold weather are likely to continue for a few more days.

JI, teacher bodies bemoan deteriorating standard of education

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: The Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) and various teacher associations took out a rally to protest the deteriorating standard of education in Kashmore-Kandhkot district.

Political activists, social leaders, parents, teachers and students began the rally from Ghanta Ghar Chowk and reached the local press club.

JI provincial general secretary Muhammad Yusuf, along with Hafiz Nasrullah Channa, Ghulam Mustafa Mirani, Dr Mehar Chand, Zarit Sagar Bijarani, Mohsin Khan Pathan and several other notables from both Muslim and Hindu communities participated in the rally.

Speaking on the occasion, the protest leaders said Kashmore-Kandhkot was the most backward district where school lacked basic educational facilities.

They painted a bleak picture of the district's educational landscape, noting schools in urban areas lacked basic necessities such as furniture, functional washrooms, classrooms, fans and proper sanitation.

In rural areas, many schools existed only on paper.

Those buildings had been converted into guest rooms (*otaqs*) by local landlords and influential tribesmen, they added.

They lamented that the rural schools suffered from the absence of both teachers and students, depriving children of their right to learning.

They made a strong connection between the lack of education and rise in crime. They said that when children were deprived of the "light of knowledge", they fell into the trap of tribal feuds and outdated customs.

The protesters raised the slogan: "We want education, not the locked schools!"

They demanded that the Sindh government, education minister and the district administration to immediately provide basic facilities in schools, recover school buildings from the illegal possession of landlords and ensure attendance of teachers so that students could excel in different fields and bring honour to the region and the country.

Major rail-based transport plan approved to connect cities

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upgraded crossings and six new trains.

The plan proposes the rehabilitation of the track across six key routes, including 181km Kotri–Dadu, 166km Dadu–Larkana–Habib Kot, 200km Hyderabad–Mirpurkhas–Marvi, 87km Rohri–Jacobabad, 124km Jacobabad–Kashmore Colony, and 100km Hyderabad–Badin.

A press release issued by the CM House said that the chief minister and the federal minister in their decisive meeting agreed on the multi-billion-rupee plan to modernise the provincial railway network, starting from Karachi to Kashmore and Karachi to Tharparkar, to provide state-of-the-art transportation to millions.

It said that the ambitious project aimed to serve approximately 37 million people, accounting for 67 per cent of Sindh's total population.

The CM said, "We are ready to invest Rs6.6bn to replace 100 out of the 308 manned railway crossings across the province, rehabilitate the railway system, and launch six trains from its resources in the first phase and another six in the next phase," ordering the immediate release of the funds.

He added that the Sindh government was also considering funding the restoration of the 858-kilometre railway network, with human safety and passenger comfort as top priorities.

The meeting, held at the CM House, was attended among others by Sindh Transport Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon and Secretary Transport Asad Zamin, Railways Secretary Mazhar Ali Shah and Railway General Manager Aamir Baloch and other senior officers.

The provincial transport minister said that travel time between Kotri and Dadu would be reduced by approximately one and a half hours after the project.

A total investment of Rs63.26bn has been outlined, which includes Rs33bn for core infrastructure rehabilitation, Rs27.6bn for the procurement of six modern Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) train sets, and Rs2.66bn for dedicated maintenance facilities.

Under the proposed business model, the Sindh government will contribute 100 per cent of the infrastructure costs, while Pakistan Railways will provide the right of way (RoW) and necessary approvals.

The meeting also reached consensus on a proposal worth Rs6bn to make 308 unmanned railway crossings safe by converting them into manned crossings, aimed at preventing accidents and ensuring public safety.

Rohri Railway Station

A specific focus was placed on the upgradation of Rohri Railway Station, with an estimated investment of Rs999.97m. The project includes the beautification of platforms, installation of six escalators, renovation of station buildings, and the construction of a solar-powered water filtration plant.

It was decided that the station would be upgraded within six months.

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